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SUBJECT: HAGLUND CASE

REF: HELSINKI 907

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON HAGLUND CASE:

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN NAMED
HAGLUND WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN FINLAND?

A: LEE GUNNAR HAGLUND, A 24-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN CITIZEN
STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, WAS ARRESTED BY
FINNISH POLICE ON MARCH 10. HE HAS BEEN
CHARGED WITH PERFORMING ACTS ENDANGERING FINLAND'S
RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN POWERS. HIS TRIAL IS TO BEGIN IN
HELSINKI ON APRIL 29.

Q: WHAT IS HIS U.S. ADDRESS? WHO ARE HIS PARENTS?

A: MR. AND MRS. LEO HAGLUND, 6868 SOUTHWEST TERWILLIGER
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STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Q: ARE HIS PARENTS WITH HIM?

A: I UNDERSTAND THEY ARE IN HELSINKI.

Q: THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS IN THE FINNISH PRESS THAT HAGLUND WAS A DOUBLE AGENT FOR BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN INTELLIGENCE. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS?

A: I AM ASSURED THAT MR. HAGLUND HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH ANY AGENCY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

Q: DOES HE WORK FOR CIA?

A: NO.

Q: WHAT HAS OUR EMBASSY DONE TO ASSIST MR. HAGLUND?

A: UPON LEARNING OF THE ARREST, THE AMERICAN CONSUL VISITED MR. HAGLUND AND DISCUSSED HIS CASE WITH THE POLICE. HE HAS SINCE TALKED SEVERAL TIMES WITH MR. HAGLUND AND HAS VERIFIED THAT HE IS BEING TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINNISH LAW. WHEN THE FINNISH AUTHORITIES DECIDED TO TAKE THE CASE TO TRIAL, THE CONSUL VERIFIED THAT MR. HAGLUND WOULD HAVE PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THE EMBASSY HAS KEPT MR. HAGLUND'S FAMILY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Q: WHY IS THIS CASE JUST SURFACING NOW IF MR. HAGLUND WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 10?

A: MR. HAGLUND HIMSELF REQUESTED US NOT TO MAKE HIS ARREST PUBLIC.

Q: WHY WILL HAGLUND'S TRIAL BE SECRET?

A: ACCORDING TO FINNISH LAW, COURTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO RULE THAT A TRIAL SHOULD BE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WHEN A CASE INVOLVES THE SECURITY OF THE STATE.

Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE FACTS OR THE PROCEEDINGS WILL ALSO BE KEPT SECRET?

A: ACCORDING TO FINNISH LAW, THE COURT DECIDES ON UNCLASSIFIED

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WHETHER ANY PART OF A CLOSED DOOR TRIAL CAN BE MADE PUBLIC.

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